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**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas the cultural kaleidoscope of Sikkim is a manifestation of the rich social matrix evolved over the years and whereas the unique architectural compositions of the Structures, Buildings, Monuments, along with the intricate splendor of these ancient art forms, frescos which are engraved on the walls and pillars of these ancient structures/monuments and religious institutions showcases the richness of the Sikkimese way of life;

Now therefore, with a view to preserve such religious institutions old structures, places of worship and monuments, the State Government is pleased to notify that:

1. While undertaking repairs/re-construction/improvement of such religious institutions, places of worship and monuments, it should be ensured that the original traditional architecture/design and aesthetic nature of the structures are strictly preserved.
2. The sanctity of religious institutions and places of worship and monuments shall not be disturbed or its character changed in any manner while developing additional infrastructure in and around such places.
3. Any activity in the nature of re-construction, restoration or conservation can only be undertaken with the prior clearance of the Government in the Ecclesiastical Affairs Department, which is the Nodal Department, as notified by Notification No.59/Home/98, dated 26.10.1998.

**By Order and in the name of the Governor.**

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